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Substitute House Bill No. 5494
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 21, 2014

AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-103 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for The University of
5 Connecticut to consist of twenty-one persons, twelve to be appointed
6 by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and
7 ethnic diversity; two to be elected by the university alumni; two to be
8 elected by the students enrolled at the institutions under the
9 jurisdiction of said board; and five members ex officio. On or before
10 July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint members to the board as
11 follows: Four members for a term of two years from said date; four
12 members for a term of four years from said date; and four members for
13 a term of six years from said date. Thereafter, the Governor shall
14 appoint trustees of said university to succeed those appointees whose

15 terms expire, and each trustee so appointed shall hold office for a
16 period of six years from the first day of July in the year of his or her
17 appointment, provided two of the trustees appointed for terms
18 commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be alumni of the
19 university, one of the trustees appointed for a term commencing July 1,
20 1997, and his or her successors shall be such alumni and one of the
21 members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1999, and his or her
22 successors shall be such alumni. The Commissioner of Agriculture, the
23 Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Economic and
24 Community Development and the chairperson of The University of
25 Connecticut Health Center Board of Directors shall be, ex officio,
26 members of the board of trustees. The Governor shall be, ex officio,
27 president of said board. The graduates of all of the schools and
28 colleges of said university shall, prior to September first in the odd-
29 numbered years, elect one trustee, who shall be a graduate of the
30 institution and who shall hold office for four years from the first day of
31 September succeeding his or her election. Not less than two or more
32 than four nominations for each such election shall be made by the
33 alumni association of said university, provided no person who has
34 served as an alumni trustee for the two full consecutive terms
35 immediately prior to the term for which such election is to be held
36 shall be nominated for any such election. Such election shall be
37 conducted by mail prior to September first under the supervision of a
38 canvassing board consisting of three members, one appointed by the
39 board of trustees, one by the board of directors of the alumni
40 association of the university and one by the president of the university.
41 No ballot in such election shall be opened until the date by which
42 ballots must be returned to the canvassing board. In such election, all
43 graduates shall be entitled to vote by signed ballots which have been
44 circulated to them by mail and which shall be returned by mail.
45 Vacancies occurring by death or resignation of either of such alumni
46 trustees shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by special
47 election, if such unexpired term is for more than eighteen months.
48 When the unexpired term is eighteen months or less, such vacancy
49 shall be filled by appointment by the board of directors of said alumni

50 association. On or before November 1, 1975, the students of The
51 University of Connecticut shall, in such manner as the board of
52 trustees of said university shall determine, elect two trustees, each of
53 whom shall be enrolled as a full-time student of said university at the
54 time of his or her election. One such member shall be elected for a term
55 of one year from November 1, 1975, and one for a term of two years
56 from said date. Prior to July first, annually, such students shall, in
57 accordance with this section and in such manner as the board shall
58 determine, elect one member of said board, who shall be so enrolled at
59 said university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for
60 a term of two years from July first in the year of his or her election. The
61 student member elected to fill the term expiring on June 30, 2003, and
62 such elected member's successors, shall be enrolled as a full-time
63 undergraduate student at a school or college of the university and shall
64 be elected by the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of
65 the university. The student member elected to fill the term expiring on
66 June 30, 2004, and such elected member's successors, shall be enrolled
67 as a full-time student in the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the
68 School of Dentistry, the School of Social Work, or as a graduate student
69 of a school or college of the university, and shall be elected by the
70 students of the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the School of
71 Dentistry, the School of Social Work and the graduate students of the
72 schools and colleges of the university. On or before July 1, 2016, and
73 biennially thereafter, the students of The University of Connecticut
74 shall, in such manner as the board of trustees of said university shall
75 determine, elect an alternate student member who shall be elected by
76 the undergraduate students of the schools and colleges of the
77 university. Any student member elected after July 1, 2013, and any
78 alternate student member, shall be enrolled as a full-time student at
79 the time of his or her election and for the duration of his or her term of
80 service. Any vacancies in the elected membership of said board shall,
81 except as otherwise provided in this section, be filled by special
82 election for the balance of the unexpired term. For purposes of this
83 section, "alternate student member" means a student who participates
84 in meetings of the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut,

85 who is assigned to the same subcommittees of said board as the
86 undergraduate student member and who may vote in place of the
87 undergraduate student member only when (1) the undergraduate
88 student member is absent at the time a vote is taken, or (2) the
89 undergraduate student member has vacated his or her position on said
90 board, until such time as the vacancy has been filled in accordance
91 with this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2014 | 10a-103 |

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the University of Connecticut as it is procedural in nature.

House "A" (LCO 3546) is technical/procedural and results in no fiscal impact.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5494 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, UConn's 21-member Board of Trustees (BOT) must have two student members, one undergraduate and one graduate, elected by their respective student bodies. This bill adds an undergraduate student alternate to the BOT, elected by UConn undergraduates in a manner the BOT determines. The undergraduates must elect an alternate member on or before July 1, 2016 and biennially thereafter. The alternate must remain enrolled at UConn for the duration of the term.

The bill allows the alternate to participate in BOT meetings and assigns him or her to the same board subcommittees as the undergraduate member. It allows the alternate to vote in place of the member when (1) the member is absent when the vote is taken or (2) the member vacates his or her position, until the vacancy is filled. By law, vacancies in the elected student positions are filled by special election for the balance of the unexpired term.

The remaining BOT membership consists of 12 gubernatorial appointees, two elected alumni representatives, and five ex-officio members (the governor; UConn Health Center Board of Directors chairperson; and commissioners of agriculture, education, and economic and community development).

*House Amendment "A" adds the provisions on the alternate's meeting participation, subcommittee assignments, and voting rights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)